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Denise and all,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. ☺

Attached is a constituent's concerns regarding the Back Forty Gold Mine in MI. A couple quick questions:

- 1) What, if any, role does EPA play in this permitting process (is there any sign-off at all needed by EPA on this permitting or otherwise)?
- 2) How may concerned constituents object to permitting via EPA (and also MI DEQ / DNR, if you happen to know – or if you can provide contacts for relevant folks in those agencies, that would be great)?

Thank you very much,
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